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Attorney Docket No. SIC-00-004

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: ) Examiner: A. Boehler  
KAZUHIRO FUJII ) Art Unit: 3611  
Application No.: 09/766,696 )  
Filed: January 19, 2001 ) AMENDMENT  
For: BRACKET ASSEMBLY FOR A )  
MOTOR CONTROLLED BICYCLE )  
TRANSMISSION )

Commissioner for Patents  
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Commissioner:

This is a response to the Office Action dated February 25, 2003. A request for continued examination accompanies this amendment. Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 66, 78 and 79 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A bracket apparatus for mounting a control device for a bicycle transmission to a bicycle frame, wherein the frame has a bottom bracket shell, a seat tube extending upwardly relative to the bottom bracket shell, a first chain stay extending rearwardly relative to the seat tube and a first seat stay extending rearwardly relative to the seat tube above the first chain stay, wherein the apparatus comprises:

a bracket base for supporting the control device at least partially above the first chain stay; wherein the bracket base has a substantially horizontal upper surface for substantially its entire length, wherein the upper surface is structured to receive a vertically downwardly directed force component from a portion of the control device mounted above it;



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In re application of: KAZUHIRO FUJII

Application No. 09/766,696

Filed: January 19, 2001

Group Art Unit: 3611

For: BRACKET ASSEMBLY FOR A MOTOR CONTROLLED  
BICYCLE TRANSMISSION29863  
PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

Atty. Docket No. SIC-00-004

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Commissioner:



This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

A petition to extend time to respond in the above-identified prior application complying with the OG Notice of June 14, 1984 is enclosed.

Please enter the amendment under §1.116 dated \_\_\_\_\_ and unentered in the prior nonprovisional application.

Please enter the enclosed amendment.

Enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 with copies of cited references.

Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months.  
(Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required).

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The required fees have been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
TOTAL	82	MINUS	79
INDEP.	9	MINUS	7
[] FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM			

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01 FC:1801 750.00 0P  
02 FC:1201 168.00 0P  
03 FC:1202 54.00 0P

[X] RCE fee \$ 750.

[X] Claims fee \$ 222.

[ ] Time extension fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

[X] A check for \$ 972 is enclosed.

Two copies of this sheet are enclosed.

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SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDIT. FEE	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
x9=	\$		
x42=	\$		
+140=	\$		
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		TOTAL \$222	

Respectfully submitted,  
DELAND LAW OFFICE

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